[29th November 1928

Irrigation of lands under the Godavari anicut at Dowlaishwaram.

*904 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total quantity of water that flows down the anicut of the river Godavari at Dowlaishwaram during the year;

(b) what portion of the water is being used for irrigation purposes in the delta;

(c) the extent of the area that is being irrigated by that water;

(d) the quantity of water that would be required to irrigate the above area for the second crop;

(e) the area for which water was supplied for the second crop last year; and

(f) whether the Government will consider the feasibility of preserving the extra water that would be required to irrigate the whole area with second crop by constructing a reservoir somewhere up the river Godavari?

A.—(a) to (f) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Percentage of water wasted as drainage in the Kistna Eastern delta.

*905 Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what percentage of supply in the Kistna Eastern delta is being wasted as drainage; and

(b) what are the methods adopted by the officers of the Public Works Department to scrutinize the accurate existence of the pipes and other distribution arrangements as per their records?

A.—(a) There is no record of the amount of drainage having been ever estimated.

(b) The question is not understood.

Introduction of the Irrigation Bill.

12 noon. *906 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government intend to introduce the Irrigation Bill at any time whatsoever; and

(b) if so, when; if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given on 27th August 1927 to question No. 349, and on 8th September 1928 to question No. 286.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know whether the idea of introducing an Irrigation Bill has been abandoned by the Government?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The hon. Member will find the answer in the answers referred to in the printed answer."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"On a previous occasion it was given out in this House on behalf of the Government that the question of introducing a Bill on the basis of non-controversial matters will be considered by the Government. I want to know whether the Government have considered it and whether they have abandoned the idea of introducing such a Bill?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The question of introducing a Bill dealing with non-controversial matters is under investigation."